

THE DIFFERENCE.

There is a difference between the newspaper situation in Scott county last year and this. Last September the "big uns" started in with hammer and tongs to smash the Kicker and subscriptions fell to 52 for the month. Already this has been exceeded during the first half of September, 1909.

Yes, the worm has turned. The organ never has reached a circulation of 500, and today its paid circulation is all but blank. During the first half of this month the Kicker has received more subscriptions than during the entire month of September last year. Here they are:

Fornelt.—J. H. Mirgoux, T. P. Sanders, John Schlegel, Emil Hillemann, J. S. Keesee, A. J. Thompson, J. W. Jacob, L. J. Drury, Jos. Burger, R. E. Sibley, Wm. Wall, Wm. Kirkendall, Robt. Rubel, A. C. Schuetz.

Oran.—Dr. Radcliff, Mrs. Joe Walter, Andy Club, J. E. Shouder, Theo. Strahler.

Blodgett.—A. H. Sexton, W. A. Dodson, Geo. Hodge, Cliff Pigg, Sam Branson, John Reed, Dell Sweeney, John Thomas, L. S. Lee.

Benton.—John Bollinger, Joe Akley, Ab. Adams.

Commerce.—Frank Kenkel, Victor Scherer, George Greer, John Enderley, Wm. Gelsman, David Sanders.

Sikeston.—Oakley Hinkle, J. H. Hutchason.

New Hamburg.—Sol. Diebold, Dr. Schneider, Jacob Urhahn.

Kelso.—Val. Messner, Wm. Blatt.

C. N. Welch, Cairo, George Schroeder, Chester, Ill., U. S. Kirky, Canton, N. C., Lon Wood, Rockerton, Mo.

Morley.—O. M. Randall, J. A. Thompson, M. L. Taylor.

Bell City.—L. E. Finney, J. M. Oakley, D. M. Vaughn, W. G. Fyle, Shell Gentry, Diehlstadt, Cassie Hunt, Chaffee, Martin Buckner, Perkins, Thos. Rasberry, Rockview, Nick Schitter, Bleda, L. E. Warnica, Vanduser, Total, 64.

Well, that looks pretty good. But capital is reasonable and unscrupulous and we must not relax the ground we have gained. There seems to be a "pull" just now, and we must await their next move. It is foolish to imagine that they have abandoned—or even softened—their purpose to destroy the Kicker. But just let their organ alone and you can keep them looking like a copper with a hole in it that has been stepped on.

HERE AND YONDER.

Dr. A. J. Gupion, a pioneer physician of the county, died at the home of his daughter at Blodgett Saturday, aged nearly 60 years. He was a former resident of Morley and a surgeon in the Confederate army. Mrs. Dr. Sparks and Mrs. J. M. Beardslee, of Blodgett, are his daughters, and R. L. Harrison, of Morley, and Allan Harrison, of Gupion, are his nephews. Dr. Gupion was the farmers' physician—candidate for chairman of the largest mass convention ever held in the county, but this time was out-generaled by the professional and the late Dr. Coffman was chosen. That convention was held in Benton in 1892, when Walker came so near carrying this county over to Marsh Arnold for governor. The Wheelers had endorsed Walker.

Mrs. Thos. Reynolds was buried at the Pollard grave yard Friday. She died suddenly near Bleda. She leaves two little children. Her husband died last spring at Graysboro. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Huff, of Allenview, accompanied the remains here.

What worries our best people most is the rate at which the workers are becoming enlightened. Almost any plug farmer can run a "smart" man in his hole in short order.

W. H. Heiserer left for St. Louis Sunday.

G. W. McDuff and J. W. Arbuthnot, of Vanduser, were here Monday. Mr. David was formerly at Bloomfield and was here to get license to conduct a drug store at Vanduser.

J. B. Finley, of Oran, was here Tuesday. He is an enthusiastic Socialist and talks it—even in his sleep. Well, Socialism is climbing, not only in Scott county, but everywhere.

Strayed.—A black sow with four pigs about two months old. Sow has hole in right and crop off left ear. Reward, Joe Pfefferkorn, 45-2t.

Joe and Otto Pfefferkorn of New Hamburg were in Benton Wednesday. Otto leaves to attend school at Quincy, Ill., Sunday.

W. S. Davis, formerly of Blodgett, was in Benton Wednesday. He has moved to the hills near Commerce.

Pears and apples for sale at Orchard farm. Prices reasonable. J. B. Finley, Oran, 45-4t.

There will be a moving picture show at the court house Saturday night. Admission, 15c and 10c.

For Sale—About 1,000 feet of rough cypress lumber. Come quick. The Kicker, Benton.

D. H. Harper, the Oran real estate man, was in Benton Wednesday.

Cassie Hunt and J. L. Blocker, of Chaffee, were here Saturday.

Remember the Socialists meet at Morley Saturday, September 25.

See to it that the Kicker is in every workers home.

Marvin Taylor, of Morley was here Wednesday.

THAT STOCK PEN.

Judging from reports from Diehlstadt, Max Ostner has maintained—and is still maintaining—a very offensive stock pen at Diehlstadt in the midst of the dwelling section. According to my informant, "up to June from 75 to 80 head of cattle and as many hogs" were in this pen. "The stench was awful, and people were made sick by it." The prosecuting attorney was appealed to and he said that "rumors of the condition of affairs had come to him," and that he "was taking the matter up." "The stock already in the pen was partly removed and others added, until there have been 25 head or more in it all summer. The stench was moderated somewhat, but not eliminated by any means. The pen is in full view of the school building and the pupils are obliged to pass it. At this time there are 40 or 50 head of hogs to which he is feeding watermelons."

Personally I know nothing of this matter, but I have reason to believe that my information is reliable. You who know the stench of decaying watermelons will appreciate what it means to be feeding 40 or 50 head of hogs on watermelons. Hog pens in any town are always a source of annoyance to neighbors when used only for family purposes but a trader's pen must be very bad.

Those people say they have even appealed to the state board of health for relief without results. And they asked me what to do. Of course I feel sorry for the women and children, but the men are getting what they voted for. If the offender was a poor devil the remedy would be at hand, but Mr. Ostner—that's different.

But Mr. Ostner, with his family, lives in town, and if it is as bad as reported it seems that he would suffer as well as others. Certainly, if my information even approaches correctness, no such disease-breeding nuisance should be permitted to endanger the health of citizens.

THE STRIKERS WIN.

Last week the Kicker told you of the great strike in the steel mills of Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh, where workmen were shot down, clubbed or locked up in box-car jails because they refused to work for 75 cents a day—a wage at which they could not live and pay from \$8 to \$12 per month rent for company shacks.

Well, the strikers won their fight and practically all their demands were granted. The victory was complete—and I account for this because neither old Granny Gompers nor John Mitchell had anything to do with it.

FROM OWENSBY DISTRICT.

Beware of the fence. Owensby school is fenced in and the road changed. One victim has already made a hit and wrecked his buggy, also a panel of the fence.

There will be a big box supper at the Owensby school house on Saturday night, September 18. There will be a guess cake. Everybody invited.

Mr. Eldridge, in the employment of the government, is supervising the construction of a sand and clay road through Sandwoods.

Miss Mabel Worrall left last week to take charge of the primary room in the Diehlstadt school.

R. W. Todd will go to Graysboro this week to look for a location.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rahm went to Sikeston Sunday to visit relatives.

Mrs. Chewing's mother, Mrs. Finley, is visiting her this week.

Miss Annie Pate is visiting at Blmo.

FROM PLEASANT HILL.

August Ledure, Phil Pfefferkorn, Emil Ledure and family and Mrs. Joseph Leist and family, of near Fred, visited the family of Bob House at Edna Sunday.

Sorghum making is in full swing and we are all sweet.

Our school opened Monday with Arthur Schiwtz as principal.

John and Fred Ledure, Vince Duval and Tom Swofford were at Commerce Saturday delivering potatoes and hogs.

Mrs. L. A. Hency and Clara Sutherland, Sandywoods, spent Sunday with the family of T. W. Swofford.

Ed Whalen returned from Arkansas Sunday to help his father sow wheat on the John Scherer farm.

Warren Hency, of Redmon, was here Tuesday.

THURTEEN'S SALE.

WARREN, by his certain deed of trust, bearing date of the 17th day of June, 1909, being duly acknowledged and recorded in trust record book number 3, at page 25, being one of the last records of the County of Scott, State of Missouri, C. A. Poley now more than 9 months dead, and the undersigned, trustee, the following described real estate, lying and situate in the County of Scott, State of Missouri, to wit:

All of lot four and one-half of lot five, with house thereon, in the village of Blodgett.

Which said conveyance was in trust to secure the payment of a certain promissory note thereon, in particularly described, and whereof default has been made in the payment of said note and the interest thereon.

Now, therefore, I the undersigned trustee at the request of the legal holder of said note, and in accordance with the provisions and stipulations of said deed of trust, and by virtue of the authority vested in me, will

Sell, therefore, I the undersigned trustee, at the court house door in the town of Benton, Scott county, state of Missouri, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the above described real estate, to pay said note, with cost of executing this trust (cost).

JAMES McFEEBEE, Trustee.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

A wireless dispatch via the north pole, reports that Ed Hahn's girl has given him the "mit" because he is so notionate. First he wanted a Sandywoods farm, then a swamp farm. Next he took to the hills and now he talks creek bottom farm. Celestine, brother to Ed, says if Ed will stick to the creek bottom idea he will join him if he has to break in his calf to plow.

The funeral of Mrs. Maria Haller took place here Sunday. When she left for Oklahoma several years ago her wish was that she might die and be buried among her friends. About three weeks ago she returned in good health, but took sick and died at the home of Mike Schoen at Chaffee.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wilkins, of Metropolis, Ill., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Frank Westrich, near Scherererville. Mr. Wilkins has employment in a Sikeston restaurant and his wife will remain with home folks a week longer.

In an argument here Sunday a gentleman said, "The Kicker is the best paper in Southeast Missouri and I'll stand by Haffer so long as there is breath in me." Another said, "The Kicker has done more good for the county than all other papers combined."

Jake Westrich and Miss Clara Grojan, Dave Westrich and Joe Grojan and Leo Blattel and Miss Annie Grasser drove to the river Sunday to see the Three bridges.

The marriage of Victor Bollinger and Miss Clementine E. Hahn was announced Sunday. The marriage will take place September 30.

George Dumey and Chas. Diebold will go to Perry county in search of stock after wheat sowing.

Alphonso Robert, of Benton, was here Sunday and August Goetz was at Kelso.

The young folks had a pleasant dance at Andy Robert's Monday night.

Andrew Wilhelm is visiting his brother, John B., our merchant.

Gus Link, of Charleston, is visiting the family of Louis Goetz.

Louis Pfefferkorn, of Oran, attended church here Sunday.

FROM MULLIN'S ISLAND.

The Johnstone Land Co. are having all kinds of trouble in getting water enough into the ditch to float the dredge boat.

They have been running a steam pump for a week and are now sacking up sand to make a dam to hold the water.

Misses Minnie and Birdie S. Barkans, of near Oran, visited their sister, Mrs. J. W. Sullinger, Saturday and Sunday.

The rush of pea hulling is over now and the farmers are busy sowing rye and preparing ground to sow wheat.

Will Smith and Miss Beulah Anderson were married Sunday night at Morley by Squire Gupion.

Neal Campbell and family, of near Oran, were guests of the family of T. L. Anderson Sunday.

Will Verneke and family, of Richwoods, spent Sunday with the family of A. A. Evans.

Mrs. A. A. Evans is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Elbert Simmons, at Morehouse this week.

Mrs. George Perry, who has been sick for the past week, is able to be up again.

Quite a crowd attended the dance at Linn Dabbs Saturday night.

Jim S. Barger, of near Oran, was on the island Friday.

Little Lora Evans is sick.

FROM ROCKVIEW.

Ben Winer is back again. He says, "By golly I've been up night for two hogs. In hog No. 1, Lum Jones got first choice; John Combs, 2d choice; Andy Weidfeld, 3d choice; John Combs, fourth and Bill Tucker fifth. Hog No. 2—John Morie, first and second; Andy Weidfeld, third; Lum Jones fourth and fifth. They will shoot for a calf Saturday night."

Herman Belk slipped off to Thebes, Ill., and married Miss Lillie Ellis. They returned Monday and will make the old home place their home.

Mrs. Thos. G. Belk was badly hurt by a mule and buggy running over and dragging her.

The Rockview scrubs played billiards Sunday and the scrubs won out 37 to 15.

Mrs. F. J. Amrhein and children of Bleda, visited her sister, Mrs. Lum Jones.

The boys had a shooting match at Tom Carroll's Saturday night.

S. R. Nix, of Dexter Junction, visited his brother Taz last week.

M. L. Winters was at New Hamburg Friday.

FROM KELSO.

A. B. Fullenwider of near Commerce, has bought the place advertised in the Kicker by Mrs. Lawrence Seaver, known as the Louis Feiden place, for \$1,800. He will engage in truck farming.

Mrs. Mary Glatteffer, of Benton, will move to Kelso and Leo Dohogne, who has been occupying her house, moved into the Mary Klein house.

John Urhahn and sister, August Goetz and the Misses Alvina and Stella Schlitt, of New Hamburg, were here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Pfefferkorn and Mr. and Mrs. August Ledure visited relatives at Rockview Sunday.

Lightning struck a tree near John Seaver's last week. Under the tree was a calf that was killed.

After a pleasant visit Miss Regina Reinagle has returned to St. Louis.

The youngsters had a play party at Charley Heuring's Sunday.

A child of Leo Schaefer was buried here Sunday.

Frank Resel was in St. Louis last week buying horses.

A large crowd attended Wm. Blattel's sale Tuesday.

Lawrence Scherer was in St. Louis last week.

August Link, of Anliston, was here last week.

Mrs. George Leibel is quite sick.

ARE YOU READY FOR THE BEST AND BIGGEST SIKESTON HORSE SHOW?

Are you ready for the big Sikeston Horse show which is to be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 22, 23 and 24. Reserve seats are now on sale and are going fast. If you want a good seat for the show, write Sec. L. T. Parish to reserve you a good seat in the new grand stand. Price 75c. All box seats have been sold.

Horses are coming from far and near, and we expect to have the largest horse show outside of St. Louis in the state. Have you seen one of the handsome premium lists? If not write for one at once.

Many new and interesting attractions will be at the show, besides the horses that will compete for the several thousand dollars to be given in premiums.

Sikeston Horse Show Association.

FROM BELL CITY.

Our school commenced last week with a good attendance and J. Walter Ridge as principal and Miss Bessie Norrid as assistant. This is the third term for these teachers, which speaks well for their qualifications.

The hotel at Ardeola was consumed by fire a few days ago. No one had lived in it for some time and was supposed to be the work of incendiaries.

Rev. S. C. Biffle and daughter left last week for Marquand for a short stay and from there they will attend conference at Fredericktown.

L. M. Wigdor, of this place, and Mr. Wanaker, of Advance, left for St. Louis Sunday. Mr. Wigdor is going to the hospital to be treated.

A. K. Lucke, of Mexico, is building a nice residence on his farm near here. Mr. Lucke will move here.

J. S. Dalfreeman is buying several car loads of hickory handle material from O. L. Pulse.

Phillip Morrie, of Cape Girardeau, is transacting business here this week.

Misses Ethel Schultz and Nellie Sitz left Monday to attend school at Bloomfield.

Two people claiming to be Israelites preached on the streets here Saturday night.

Mrs. O. L. Pulse and daughter, of Fredericktown, visited here last week.

Mrs. A. L. Biffle visited friends at Edna last week.

W. Hill of Townley, has moved to our town.

FROM HOOE DISTRICT.

While Pete Swaim and Miss Lulu Hooe were out driving Sunday the buggy upset and spilled them out. Fortunately no one was hurt. Come again Pete.

We will receive mail only every other day until the bridge across the big ditch is completed.

Our school will give a pie supper for library purposes Friday night, September 24.

E. A. Hape is improving the looks of his place by building a lot of new fence.

Little Gladys Lancaster has typhoid fever.

FROM ROOTWAD.

J. T. Gray and Thomas Sheehy were at New Madrid Monday.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hahn has also been sick.

The enrollment at our school has increased to 60.

F. M. Trent was at Canolou Canolou logging.

F. M. Trout was at Canolou Monday.

Bill Matthews is husking corn. Little Mary Walker is sick.

FROM OAK GROVE.

Miss Julia Huey has gone to Malden to make her home with her sister, Mrs. Cora Thompson, Tommy and Press Huey are in Malden looking for work.

Miss Mayne Felty, who has been visiting among us for the past two months, returned to her home with her mother in Kentucky.

Robert Schneider and Ezra Finch, brother and nephew of J. T. Schneider, are visiting him.

The Misses Edna and Sudie Schneider entertained quite a crowd of young folks Sunday.

Oak Grove Union meets Friday night, September 17. A good attendance is hoped for.

J. T. Schneider, brother and nephew, were in Sikeston Sunday. Mrs. Florence Comstock has moved to Charleston.

Mrs. LoRetta Wylie Mears

Of Chaffee, Desires to Announce that she will have her FALL AND WINTER

MILLINERY OPENING

Saturday, September 18th.

All the Latest Styles and Patterns in Millinery

FROM MACEDONIA.

Uncle Tom Hawkins is in a serious condition. He had only one leg and, last week, he fell and broke the ankle of the remaining leg, so that it is feared that amputation will be necessary.

Tom Edmunds, Ward Smith and Fred Abbott and their families, and Arthur Schiwtz and Henry Utzage visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hawkins Sunday.

There will be a box supper at Macedonia church Saturday night, September 18, for church benefit.

Mrs. Mary Davenport is down from Oak Ridge to spend the winter with her son, Wash.

Ambrose Bles has started his sorghum mill and Fil and John Sanders will start soon.

Mesdames Giddie Rachel and Ida Hahn were visitors at Henry Koch's last week.

H. D. Miller and wife were the guests of her mother, Mrs. Hy. Koch Sunday.

Wm. Daugherty, who has been confined to his bed for some time, is up again.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mattingly moved to Edna Thursday.

A 9-pound girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Koch.

Chas. Ditterline, of Sandywoods was here Sunday.

Henry Meinz is visiting in North Dakota.

Miss Caroline Schiwtz is home from Edna.

Joe Bruns has been quite sick. Wm. Spradlin has chills.

For Sale.—Improved and unimproved farms near Oran, Chaffee, New Hamburg, Benton, Blodgett and Diehlstadt at prices ranging from \$25 to \$45 per acre. Also, business and residence property in Oran, Vanduser, Commerce and Diehlstadt. D. H. Harper, Oran.

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Children's Red Goose Shoes, sizes 8 1/2 to 12,\$1.40 to \$2.25	A large line of mens' light and heavy work shoes,\$1.50@\$.45
Boys' Red Goose Shoes, sizes 8 1/2 to 6 1/2,\$2.00@\$.25	Ladies light and heavy walking shoes, especially built to wear in mud and water, guaranteed not to rip or soles come off,\$2@2.50
Boys' extra strong, none better made,\$2.25@\$.25	
Boys' heavy weight work shoes, better made,\$2.25@\$.25	

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